EXHIBIT 7



Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org>

RE: Ogg Discovery Response Extension re: 5:21-cv-00844-XR [IWOV-ButlerSnow.FID9710389]

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Mon. Oct 17, 2022 at 3:08 PM

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4 p.m. Wednesday will work, we can use my conference bridge:

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Thanks

Eric

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From: Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org>

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 9:32 AM

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I will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday. I can be available from 12-2 PM or 4 PM on Wednesday October 19th. Please let me know if that works.

Thanks.

Zach Dolling

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On Thu, Oct 13, 2022 at 12:58 PM Karson Thompson < Karson. Thompson@butlersnow.com > wrote:

Zach. Eric is tied down today and tomorrow. Is there a time that works on Monday?

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From: Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org>

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Hi Karson,

Would Friday October 14 between 10 am - noon, or 2:30 - 5 pm central, work for the meet and confer? If not, we can also do Thursday from 1 PM onwards, but would prefer Friday if that's doable.

Thank you,

Zach Dolling

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On Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 3:14 PM Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org> wrote:

Hi Karson

I appreciate you reaching out and agree that a meet and confer is a good idea. I will be meeting with counsel from some of the other plaintiff groups on Monday for an unrelated matter and should at that time be able to figure out a few options for when we can meet and confer. I will get back to you on Monday afternoon with our availability.

Thank you,

Zach Dolling

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On Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 2:47 PM Karson Thompson Karson.Thompson@butlersnow.com wrote:

Zach,

In light of the Fifth Circuit's ruling denying our requested stay, we'd like to set up a meet and confer call with you (and/or anyone else from the various plaintiffs seeking discovery from Kim Ogg) to see if we can avoid or at least narrow any disputes to be presented to the district court. Would you let us know some good dates/times next

Thanks

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From: Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org>

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Fric

In our last e-mail we suggested, and you agreed, that we would hold off on filing a motion to compel pending resolution of what we believed was a forthcoming motion from you to stay discovery in the Fifth Circuit. However, you filed a motion to stay discovery in the district court, which denied that motion and ordered your client to comply with discovery. It has been one month since the district court issued its order. At this point we are unsure whether you intend to file a motion to stay discovery in the Fifth Circuit. If not, we ask that you comply with the court's order to cooperate in the discovery process and are happy to meet and confer regarding a timeline for production. To the extent you intend to seek a stay in the Fifth Circuit, please let us know when you intend to do so. We would like to resolve this matter expeditiously to facilitate the discovery process. Please let us know by the end of this week.

Thanks.

Zach Dolling

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On Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 4:26 PM Eric Nichols < Eric. Nichols@butlersnow.com > wrote:

Agreed, thanks.

Eric

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From: Thomas Buser-Clancy <tbuser-clancy@aclutx.org>

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 1:00 PM

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Hi Eric,

Due to our inability to come to agreement regarding Defendant Ogg's lack of responses to Plaintiffs' discovery requests, we had intended to file a motion to compel with the district court. Now that your client intends to file a motion to stay in the Fifth Circuit, our preference would be not to burden the district court with that motion while the Fifth Circuit is considering the motion to stay, which is likely to raise substantially similar issues. Can we agree that, with respect to the discovery requests previously served on Defendant Ogg by Plaintiffs, our refraining from filing a motion to compel until the Fifth Circuit makes a determination on Defendant Ogg's motion to stay does not waive or otherwise prejudice Plaintiffs' ability to file a motion to compel at a later date?

11/17/22 1:42 PM

Best.

Tommy

Thomas Buser-Clancy

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Zach, as you have seen the HCDAO is taking an appeal from the Court's denial in part of the motion to dismiss.

We will be filing this week a motion to stay proceedings with respect to the HCDAO pending that appeal, which would include discovery from the HCDAO. We will send out a meet and confer email tomorrow to counsel for all parties on that. In the meantime let us know your clients' position on that motion to stay or if you would like to discuss it further. Thanks

Fric

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Counsel, We are open to negotiating an agreed timeline for production of the discovery requested on April 12, 2022, or to meet and confer regarding your remaining objections to its production. However, if we do not hear back from you regarding either of those options by the end of the day tomorrow, August 10, 2022, we will see no option but to move to compel production. Thank you,

Zach Dolling

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On Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 1:15 PM Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org> wrote:

Victoria.

My apologies--I just noticed I requested a response by the end of the day "Friday, August 3." To avoid any confusion I want to clarify that I did mean Friday, August

Thank you.

Zach Dolling

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On Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 11:35 AM Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org> wrote:

Good morning Victoria,

Yesterday the District Court denied District Attorney Ogg's motion to dismiss all claims brought by Private Plaintiffs with respect to SB 1 Sections 4.06, 4.09, 6.04, 6.05, 6.06, 7.02, and 7.04. In the process the Court rejected District Attorney Ogg's claim to sovereign immunity. I believe this disposes of your previous objection to producing written discovery on the basis of sovereign immunity.

It has now been several months since we propounded our written discovery requests but without any production. Please let us know by the end of the day Friday, August 3, if you intend to produce the requested materials.

Thank you,

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On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 1:23 PM Zachary Dolling <zachary@texascivilrightsproject.org> wrote:

Hi Victoria.

During the hearing held on November 16, 2021, the Court clearly contemplated that discovery would proceed in this case. Moreover, the State Defendants have raised similar sovereign immunity issues as your client and have nevertheless engaged in the discovery process. It is true that the Fifth Circuit has in some instances limited discovery pending determination of a sovereign immunity defense. But even then, discovery that goes to the applicability of the sovereign immunity defense is permissible. In this case, Plaintiffs' discovery requests all pertain to the Harris County District Attorney's past and current investigations into and prosecution of criminal election law violations. These facts are relevant to the Harris County District Attorney's connection to enforcement of the SB 1 provisions at issue in this lawsuit and are relevant to determining the applicability of your sovereign immunity defense. We therefore do not believe sovereign immunity shields your client from producing the information we have requested.

As you suggested, we would be happy to discuss this further via phone or video call if you would like.

Thank you,

Zach Dolling

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Hi Sarah.

As I am sure you will recall, we discussed a short extension on our responses to your discovery requests, which your clients refused to give. District Attorney Ogg served her objections to your clients' discovery requests on May 12, 2022. District Attorney Ogg stands on her objections. Among these objections, as you know, are ones made on grounds of sovereign immunity. Our client has a pending motion to dismiss all claims against her on grounds of sovereign immunity, and we respectfully contend that these same sovereign immunity protections would apply with respect to these discovery requests regardless of whether District Attorney Ogg is a party to this litigation. As you are also aware these sovereign immunity issues have been litigated extensively at the Fifth Circuit and in other courts, and aspects of sovereign immunity protection against discovery are currently before the Fifth Circuit in a pending appeal in the Russell v. Harris County litigation.

Thanks and let us know if would like to discuss our position further.

Victoria

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Hi Victoria,

The OCA-GH Plaintiffs wanted to check in about the status of document production in response to our First Set of Requests for Production. Without waiving any objections or responses to your objections, we request the production of any responsive documents by the June 10th deadline you suggested. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Best,

Sarah

Sarah Xiyi Chen

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On Thu, May 12, 2022 at 4:35 PM Sarah Chen <schen@texascivilrightsproject.org> wrote:

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